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Note verbale dated 2 July 2008 from the Permanent Mission of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman, and in regard to the status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and in response to the letter dated 17 October 2007, has the honour to transmit herewith additional information (see annex).

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The Republic of Macedonia is fully committed to fulfil its obligations under Security Council resolution 1540 (2004). In addition to the steps undertaken as reported in its initial report and additional responses submitted to the Council, the following activities have been undertaken at the national level:

- The Law on the Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (Gazette No. 71/06) was adopted by the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia and is in effect as of 16 June 2006.

  National authority:

  Pursuant to the Law on the Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, a national inter-ministerial body, the Commission for the Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, was set up on 27 December 2006 within the Ministry of Health, as the national authority to oversee national implementation of the Convention. The Commission is comprised of representatives of the Ministries of Health (President of the Commission), Foreign Affairs, Interior, Defence, Environment, Economy, as well as representatives from the Customs Office and the Protection and Rescue Directorate. The contact persons are the President of the Commission and the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs representative of the Commission.

- The Republic of Macedonia, on 19 March 2007, adhered to the Statement of Principles of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism.

- The Republic of Macedonia has signed the declaration on Implementation of the 2005 World Customs Organization Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Trade (SAFE Framework of Standards), with a needs assessment (diagnostic) having been completed for the World Customs Organization Columbus assistance programme for capacity-building.

- The Republic of Macedonia is also a State party to 13 of the international conventions and protocols on counter-terrorism.